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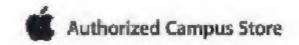


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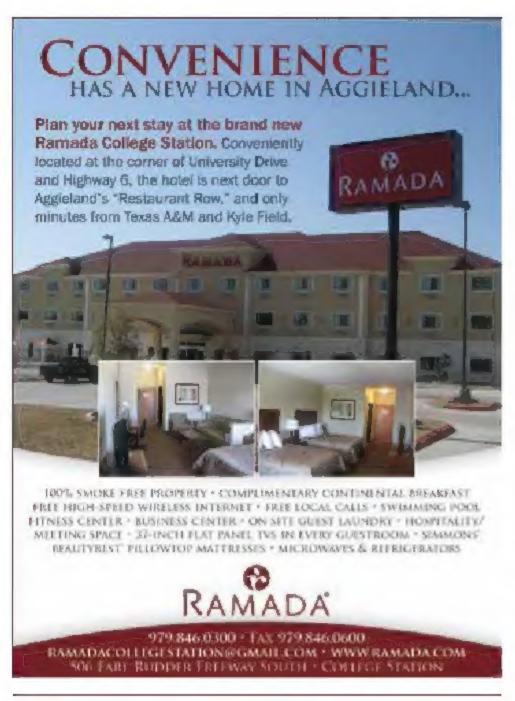
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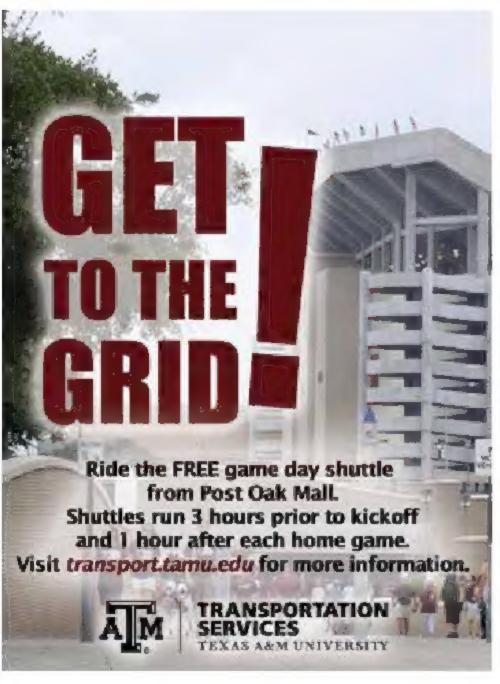
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On the Cover: Quarterback Kenny Hill leads the Aggies into a new era. Photo by Rob Havens '88.





Howdy Ags!

Aggie football is here! Our offense has reloaded and will show the nation that, as Coach Sumlin put it, "We are not a one trick pony." We have so much talent, speed and athleticism that I know we have the players to compete with anyone. Coach Jackson has done a bang-up job of getting these guys in shape over the long, hot summer. They will not be out-conditioned by anyone, and you won't see them run out of gas in the second half.

The defense will be better than last year. New, fresh faces have arrived, and a depth we haven't seen since Coach Snyder's arrival in Aggieland means positive things for the defense. Early success will give these guys confidence. We have one of the five toughest schedules in the country. But as Coach Sumlin said, "If you're afraid, get a dog!"

Kenny Hill will lead this team and show the experts that the system Coach Sumlin has implemented can be successful in the post-Manziel era. I'm anxious to see Speedy Noil blow past someone and make an incredible play! Get those DVR's ready; whether it's a run-after-catch or a return, you will see why the new No. 2 has been creating a lot of hype. The kid can flat-out play. I can also not wait to see No. 15 Myles Garrett race around the corner. Last year's defense struggled to put pressure on the quarterback, but wait 'til this freshman gets in the game! Our sacks this year will definitely be more than last year.

Finally, I'm ready to see some RSJ! He showed a glimpse of what he can do last year before he was injured. He will cause major match-up problems, and the kid is tough to bring down once he gets into the secondary. Don't be surprised to hear his name a lot this fall.

Enjoy this issue the entire fall as we have previewed all twelve opponents. Let's watch our guys battle and do more than most experts believe we will.

Gig'em Ags! #WRTS

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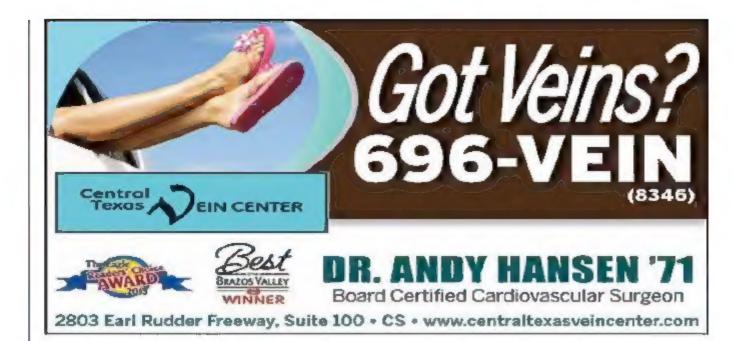
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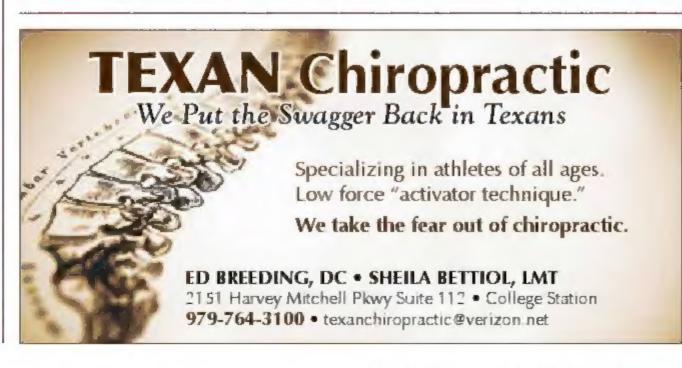




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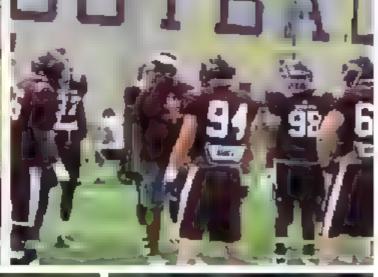






























































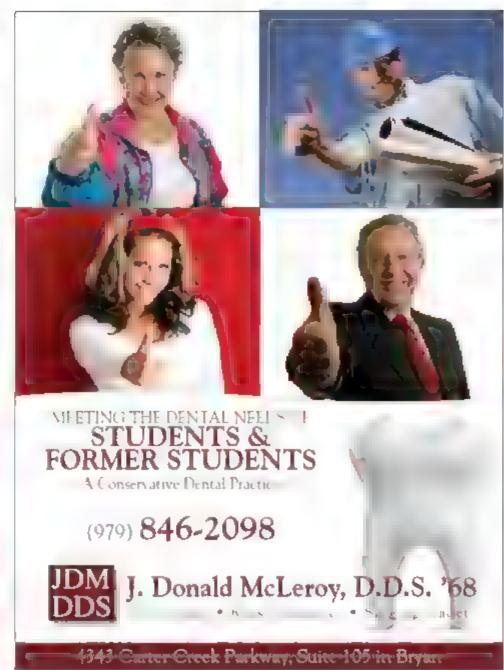




















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There is certainly a lot of excitement about Texas A&M's '14 football season. Aggies are eager to step into the newly remodeled Kyle Field to see what it looks like in person after months of construction into phase one of the project. Fans can't wait to see what the post-Johnny Football offense looks like under the direction of a new starting quarterback. We're also anxious to see what this year's defense will look like with same the fresh faces mixed in with returning veteran players. And what will a special teams unit that was ranked first in the SEC by pre-season pollers add to the saix?

The remodel of Kyle Field has been a huge story since the last fan exited the stadium last year and the field crew pulled up the grass. Since then, the construction lights have lit up Aggieland every night as crews have rushed to make their dead lines, working 24/7 to make sure phase one was completed by the September 6th kickoff to the home season. Pictures have been posted, drones have captured videos, and the sky view of the city has changed, bringing about an excitement and anticipation not seen around here in a long time. College football's biggest

football stadium remodel will be unveiled at that first game and fans can't wait to walk in the gates and experience it for themselves.

The compension in the spring and through fall camp for the starting quarterback position was a light race. Kermy Hill got the nod, but it's great to know we have a backup that could have eas ily started as a true feshman on day one. Kyle Allen showed the skills that made him a consensus pick for the best quarterback coming out of high school last year, while sophomore Keriny Hill showed why he was such a highly touted hual-threat quarterback from Southlake Carroll. In the end, after all the situational plays in camp and algut feeling from the coaches, Hill was named QB1 and will lead the Aggies into the post-Manziel era and stagt against South Carolina.

The Aggres can fely on the running gamemore this year with an experienced group that each offer a different set of skills that Coach Spavital can fall on move the ball down the field. Tra Carson can run you over but still has the speed to get around the edge and make big plays. Brandon Williams had a great fall camp

and showed why he was such a highly touted transfer. He is the fastest player on the team and when he gets into the open field he will be hard to catch. Trey William's believes he is in the best shape of his life thanks to Coach Jackson and he has the speed, moves and power that can break any play into a homerun for the Aggies.

The offensive line is once again a huge asset for the Age Mike Matthews is the leader of the group at center and everything starts with him. Sumlin's up tempo offense relies on Matthews to get up to the ball, make the blocking calls and get the play off. The Aggres will once again tire out opposing defenses with their releatless pace. Cedric Ogbuehi moves to leff tackle and looks to keep the rotation that has been established over the past few years. Start at right tackle, move to left tackle and then get drafted in the top ten picks of the NFL Draft. Jarvis Harrison, Joseph Cheek and Germain Ifedi round out the rest of the impressive line.

Malcolme Kennedy has stepped up since the spring and leads the wide receiving corps, which could be one of the best in the country. His experience and leadership have been invaluable commodities for the entire offense, and Coach Beaty will rely on him big-time this fall. Ricky Seals-Jones returns after an injury ended his season last year. He is a match-up problem for opposing defenses and his size, speed and power will make a difference this season for the Ags.



Speedy Noil has been everything Texas A&M had hoped for after the nationally sought-after player signed on the dotted line. Don't get rid of those No. 2 jerseys yet; he will make you proud to wear them! Look for him to be a difference maker from the first play of the season. Josh Reynolds has also been impressive in camp and will be a go-to player for Hill. Look for Cam Clear at tight end to carry over his success from the Chick-fil-a Bowl and have a big season this year.

The success of this year's team, when it comes to wins and losses, will be de-

cided by the defense of the Aggres. Coach Snyder said this is the most talent and the most depth he has had to work with since arriving on campus. The offense is sure to put up points, but the Aggies will need the defense to step it up in '14 if they want to compete for a championship. The defensive line should be the strength of this year's defense, Julien Obioha, Zaycoven Henderson, Alonzo Williams and Daeshon Hall will be the starting defensive front. The good thing is that for the first time in the Sumlin era we have some depth on the line, and giving these guys the opportunity to rest during the game should make a difference in the fourth quarter.

Coach Snyder said in fall camp that the success of this year's team will fall on the shoulders of our linebackers. Jordan Mastrogiovanni has been turning heads since the spring and is anxious to make a difference at the center of the Aggie defense. Donnie Baggs and A.J. Hilliard will start at the Sam and Will linebacker spots and look to have break-out years.

Deshazor Everett returns as one of the best players on the field. He was able to stay at corner during camps and has the ability to take away that part of the field from opposing quarterbacks who might try to throw his way. Newcomer Victor Davis has earned the starting job at the other corner while Howard Matthews will return at safety. Armani Watts had a great fall camp and, because of his success, has earned the starting nod at free safety.

One of the strengths of the Aggie team is our special teams. Voted as the number one unit in the conference, this group of young men will make a difference this year, starting with All American punter Drew Kaser, who finished last year as one of three finalists for the Ray Guy Award. If given the opportunity, he can launch the ball 70-plus yards. At kicker, Josh Lambo returns to kick field goals and was very consistent for the Aggies last year. Taylor Bertolet had a great fall camp and will handle kickoffs. Trey Williams and Speedy Noil will handle kickoff returns

2013-2014 RECORD

Overall 9-4
Conference 4-4
Home 6-2
Away 2-2
Neutral 1-0

and punt returns, and both are capable of taking it to the house every time they touch the ball. Alex Freeman returns for his senior campaign as the long snapper.

It is sure to be an exciting year for Texas A&M football, with a new stadium, new quarterback, revamped defense with fresh faces, and tons of speed and athleticism. Coach Sumlin and his staff's recruiting efforts will definitely make a difference this year as we see more depth and athletic ability across the board. The Aggie schedule has been ranked as the fourth toughest in the nation. The Aggies have the potential to have an amazing year and it should be a lot of fun to watch!





- 2014 F	DOTBALL SCHEDULE -
08/28/14	@ South Carolina
09/06/14	vs. Lamar
09/13/14	vs Rice
09/20/14	@ SMU
09/27/14	@ Arkansas
10/04/14	@ Mississippi State
10/11/14	vs. Ole Miss
10/18/14	@ Alabama
11/01/14	vs. ULM
11/08/14	@ Auburn
11/15/14	vs. Missour
11/27/14	vs. LSU



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08/28/14	vs, Texas A&M
09/06/14	vs. East Carolina
09/13/14	vs. Georgia
09/20/14	☑ Vanderbilt
09/27/14	vs Missouri
10/04/14	Kentucky
10/18/14	vs Furman
10/25/14	@ Auburn
11/01/14	vs Tennessee
11/15/14	@ Florida
11/22/14	vs South Alabama
11/29/14	@ Clemson

The Gamecocks went 11-2 last season with a big win over Wisconsin in the Capitol One Bowl to wrap up the year. They look to replace Connor Shaw at quarterback with Dylan Thompson, who takes the helm behind a veteran offensive line. The Cocks return four of five starters from last year's offensive line, including All American candidate A.J. Cann. 6'6", 242-lb. jumor tight-end Jerrell Adams looks to be a break-out player this season, using his size and speed which will cause major match-up problems for opposing defenses. Running back Mike Davis is poised to have another great season for USC, and Spurrier will lean on him for offensive production from the backfield. On the defensive side of the ball, returning starter J.T. Surratt will anchor the defensive line. Look for newcomers Abu Lamin at defensive tackle, Bryson Allen-Williams at linebacker, and Al Harris, Jr. and Chris Lammons on the corners to make an immediate impact. Coach Spurrier believes he finally has the talent and the schedule to win the

SEC Championship but Georgia will be a key game in the East for his team to get to Atlanta.





	2013-2014 R	ECORD	
	Overail	11-2	
	Conference	6-2	
ш	Home	7-0	
	Away	3-2	1
	Neutral	1-0	

There is a lot of excitement surrounding the 2014 season as the Lamar Cardinals return eight offensive starters from an offense that helped them set or tie nearly fifty team and individual records last season. Led by senior quarterback Caleb Berry, who recorded the best single-season performance in school history last season, the Cardinals may field their deepest team since resurrecting the program for the 2010 season. Although the defense will look to replace nine starters from last season, former Southland Conference Newcomer of the Year, receiver Kevin Johnson, has made the switch to safety and is expected to have a big year. Johnson enters his final season having already been named to several national award watch lists and is a 2014

pre-season All-American.





_	2013 2014 8	ECORD	_
	Overall	5-7	
	Conference	2-5	
	Home	4-2	
	Away	1-5	
	Neutral	0-0	



08/30/14	vs. Grambling State
09/06/14	@ Texas A&M
09/13/14	vs. Texas College
09/20/14	vs Mississippi College
09/27/14	vs Sam Houston State
10/04/14	@ Abilene Christ an
10/11/14	VS Southeastern Louisiana
10/18/14	@ Nicholls
11/01/14	vs Houston Baptist
11/08/14	@ Central Arkansas
11/15/14	vs Incarnate Word
11/22/14	@ McNeese State

2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 08/30/14 Norte Dame 09/13/14 @ Texas A&M vs Old Dominion 09/20/14 09/27/14 Southern Miss 10/04/14 vs Hawaii 10/11/14 Army 10/25/14 vs North Texas 11/01/14 @ FIJ 11/08/14 vs UTSA

@ Marshall

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VS UTEP

11/15/14

11/21/14

11/29/14

Rice captured its first outright conference title in fifty-six years in 2013. With a 7-1 record in Conference USA action, the Owls captured the West division title and hosted Marshall in the championship game, a 41-24 win at Rice Stadium. Though the season ended with a loss to Missisippi State in the Liberty Bowl, Rice's ten wins on the year matched a program record. Despite losing a pair of standouts in cornerback Phillip Gaines (third round, Chiefs) and kicker Chris Boswell (free agent, Texans) to the proranks, Head coach David Bailiff's squad returns five starters on each side of the ball, including pre-season all-conference selections Bryce Callahan (CB/PR), Christian Covington (DT) and Jordan Taylor (WR). Rice opens the season at Notre Dame before squaring off with the Aggres and debuts at home on Sept. 20 against C-USA newcomer Old Dominion.





	2013-2014 R	ECORD	
	Overall Conference	10-4 7-1	
ш	Home	6-1	
	Away Neutral	4-2 0-1	

The SMU Mustangs have reached the post-season in four of the last five seasons and look to return to bowl action in 2014. The Mustangs are led by three players on national watch lists: wide receiver Darius Joseph (Biletnikoff Award), center Taylor Lasecki (Rimington Trophy), and linebacker Stephon Sanders (Butkus Award). Joseph, a junior, hauled in 103 catches last season, good for second-most in program history and tenth in the NCAA. Lasecki, also a junior, has started every game since his freshman season in Dallas and is on the Rimington watch list for the second consecutive season. Sanders registered 13.5 tackles for loss to lead the team in 2013. Head coach June Jones has led SMU to three bowl wins in his six seasons in Dallas and has recorded thirty-five wins over the last five seasons, good for the second-most over a five-year span in school history. In total, SMU returns thirteen starters, including eight on the

defensive side of the ball.





	2013-2014 R	ECORD	-
	Overall	5-7	
	Conference	4-4	•
-	Home	3-3	
	Away	2-4	
	Neutral	0-0	

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08/31/14	@ Baylor
09/06/14	North Texas
09/20/14	vs. Texas A&M
09/27/14	vs TCU
10/04/14	@ East Carolina
10/18/14	vs Cincinnati
10/25/14	vs Memphis
11/08/14	@ Tulsa
11/15/14	vs. USF
11/22/14	© UCF
11/28/14	vs Houston
12/06/14	@ Connecticut



■2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 08/30/14 @ Auburn 09/06/14 vs. Nicholls State 09/13/14 Texas Tech 09/20/14 vs. N. Illinois 09/27/14 vs. Texas A&M 10/11/14 vs. Alabama 10/18/14 vs. Georgia 10/25/14 **VS UAB** 11/01/14 M ss ss ppi State 11/15/14 VS LSU 11/22/14 vs Ole Miss 11/28/14 Missouri

Offensively, the Razorbacks are led by a trio of running backs. Alex Collins and Jonathan Williams became just the second pair of Razorbacks in program history to rush for at least 900 yards in a season. The sophomore Collins ran for 1,026 yards en route to being named SEC Freshman of the Year and earning Freshman All-American and SEC All-Freshman Team honors. Sophomore Korliss Marshall also provided a spark last season as he averaged 8.6 yards per carry and was electric out of the backfield in spring and fall practices. Junior Brandon Allen enters his second season as the starting quarterback after

passing for over 1,500 yards and thirteen touchdowns in eleven games last season. Overall, the offense is set to bring back seven starters from last season.

Defensively, Arkansas is led by senior captain Trey Flowers, who earned a spot on the 2013 second-team All-SEC team after finishing with 44 tackles, 13 5 for losses, and 5 sacks. The Razorbacks return plenty of starters in the defensive backfield, led by senior captain Alan Turner, who has made fourteen career starts Junior Rohan Gaines also returns after starting five games last season. Will Hines, Tevin Mitchel, D.J. Dean, Jared Collins and Carroll Washington all started at least two games last season. Arkansas also brings a different look this season behind new defensive coordinator Robb Smith's aggressive schemes.



2013-2014 R	ECORD	
Overall	3-9	
Conference	0-8	
Home	3-4	
Away	0-5	
Neutral	0-0	

Returning nearly all of their two-deep from a year ago on both sides of the ball, and following three consecutive wins to finish the season, expectations have risen in Starkville for Mississippi State.

The Bulldogs finished the regular season with two overtime wins, including the first extra-time Egg Bowl in the history of the rivalry, and capped off their year with a multiple-record-breaking blowout of Rice in the Liberty Bowl on New Year's Eve.

Now, with junior quarterback Dak Prescott finally comfortable in the starting role and junior linebacker Benardrick McKinney considered to be one of the best at his position in the nation, MSU has gone from young and inexperienced to veteran and

battle-tested, along with a few houshold

Sophomore defensive tackle Chris Jones and senior receiver Jameon Lewis-the SEC's leading returning receiver—help round out the deepest and most talented team in Dan Mullen's six years at the helm of the program.

Now remains the simple matter of breaking through in the SEC West.



_	2013-2014 R	ECORD	-
	Overall	7.6	
	Conference	3-5	
	Home	5-2	
10	Away	1-3	
	Neutral	1-1	



- 2014 FC	OTBALL SCHEDULE
08/30/14	vs Southern Miss
09/06/14	vs. UAB
09/13/14	South Alabama
09/20/14	@ LSU
10/04/14	vs. Texas A&M
10/11/14	vs Auburn
10/25/14	@ Kentucky
11/01/14	vs. Arkansas
11/08/14	vs Tennessee Martin
11/15/14	@ Alabama
11/22/14	vs Vanderbilt
11/29/14	@ Ole Miss

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08/28/14	vs. Boise State
09/05/14	@ Vanderbilt
09/13/14	vs. Louisiana-Lafayette
09/27/14	vs. Memphis
10/04/14	vs. A abama
10/11/14	@ Texas A&M
10/18/14	vs. Tennessee
10/25/14	⊘ LSU
11/01/14	vs. Auburn
11/08/14	vs. Presbyterian
11/22/14	Arkansas
11/29/14	vs. Mississippi State

Ole Miss Football is a program on the rise under third-year head coach Hugh Freeze. Inheriting a team that won just two games in 2011 and had lost 14 straight Southeastern Conference games, Freeze has led the Rebels to 15 wins in his first two years, including back to-back bowl wins. The team returns nine starters on defense and six on offense from last year's team that went 8-5 and won the Music City Bowl 25-17 over Georgia Tech. The Rebels' D is anchored by preseason All-Americans Cody Prewitt at free safety and Robert Nkemdiche at defensive tackle, with plenty of veterans around them that look to put major pressure on SEC offenses this fall. The offense is directed by the SEC's top returning passer in Bo Wallace, a three-year starter and two-time bowl MVP. He could break numerous school records this season, especially with the help

of preseason All-American wide receiver Laquon Treadwell, tight end Evan Engram and offensive tackle Laremy Tunsil.





_	2013-2014 R		
	Overall	8-5	
	Conference	3-5	
	Home	5-2	
	Away	2-3	
	Neutral	1-0	

Alabama looks to rebound from the 2013 season that fell short of the team's and fans' expectations and once again compete for another National Championship. After a heartbreaking loss in the Iron Bowl and a beat-down vs. Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl, the Tide is prepared to wipe away those memories with a stellar 2014 season. Bama will have a new starting quarterback after the graduation of A.J. McCarron, and the battle continues in camp between Blake Sims and Jacob Coker. Whomever wins the job will benefit from having one of the best wide receiving corps and backfields in the country. Wide receiver Amari Cooper leads the talented group while T.J. Yeldon heads a stellar running back crew that will give new offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin plenty of options to move the Crimson Tide offense down the field. On the other side of the ball, Coach Saban has the best defensive line he has had since arriving in Tuscaloosa. A'Shawn Robinson, Jarran Reed, DJ Pettway, Davlin Tomlinson and Jonathan Allen



comprise one of the deepest and most talented groups in the nation. Behind them, Xzavier Dickson, Trey DePriest and Ryan Anderson are a solid group of linebackers that make up one of the strongest units on the team. Alabama will be motivated to show that last year's season was a fluke and that they are pre-season favorites once again to win the SEC.

_	2013-2014 R	ECORD	4
	Overall	11 2	
	Conference	7-1	•
	Home	7-0	
10	Away	3-1	
	Neutral	1-1	



2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE:

08/30/14	vs. West V rg nia
09/06/14	vs. Florida Atlantic
09/13/14	vs Southern M.ss
09/20/14	vs Florida
10/04/14	@ Ole Miss
10/11/14	@ Arkansas
10/18/14	vs. Texas A&M
10/25/14	@ Tennessee
10/25/14 11/08/14	@ Tennessee @ LSU
11/08/14	@ LSU
11/08/14	© LSU vs. Mississippi State





= 2014 FG	OTBALL SCHEDULE
08/28/14	vs. Wake Forest
09/06/14	vs Idaho
09/13/14	@ LSu
09/27/14	vs. Troy
10/04/14	Arkansas State
10/11/14	Ø Kentucky ✓
10/25/14	vs. Texas State
11/01/14	◎ Texas A&M
11/08/14	Appa achian State
11/15/14	vs UL-Lafayette
11/22/14	@ New Mexico State
11/29/14	@ Georgia Southern

In 2013, the Warhawks reached bowl eligibility for the second consecutive season, and along the way they picked up wins over ACC member Wake Forest and in-state rival Louisiana-Lafayette. On the offensive side of the ball, the Warhawks will have a new signal-caller under center as four-year starter Kolton Browning has moved on. ULM has plenty of experience and confidence on the offensive line as well as at the RB, WR and TE positions. On defense, ULM welcomes back eight starters in the 3-3-5 scheme. The defensive group is one that can really run and that will be key when facing spread offenses. ULM will again look to Justin Manton to handle all kicking duties (PAT/FG,

kickoffs and punting). The senior helped ULM flip the field numerous times last season as he ranked fourth nationally with a 45.8-yard per punt average.





	2013-2014 R	ECORD
Ħ	Overall	6-6
	Conference	4-3
	Home	2-3
	Away	4-3
	Neutral	0-0

Gus Malzahn led the Auburn Tigers to a miracle season in 2013. With two incredible finishes and a huge win against Alabama, the Tigers came up just short of a perfect ending as they were defeated by the Seminoles in the final game. This year's team will have a huge target on its back and will not be sneaking up on anyone. Nick Marshall returns as the starting quarterback for the second year and will bring experience and playmaking ability to their high powered offense. The Tigers lost Tre Mason to the NFL but bring back Cameron Artis-Payne and Corey Grant to fill his position in the backfield. On the other side, the defensive line will look different as Gabe Wright and Montravius Adams



will be called on to anchor the new D-Line. Auburn brings back a wealth of experience from last year's defense including senior cornerback Jonathon Mincy, who has a chance to be all-SEC. The Tigers should be better than last year, but with a tougher schedule, including eastern opponents Georgia and South Carolina, they will have their work cut out for them to repeat as SEC Champs.

_1	2013-2014 R	ECORD	_
	Overall	12 2	
_	Conference	8-1	
	Home	8-0	
16	Away	3-1	
	Neutral	1-1	1



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08/30/14	vs. Arkansas	
09/06/14	vs. San Jose State	
09/18/14	Kansas State	
09/27/14	vs. Louisiana Tech	
10/04/14	vs. LSU	
10/11/14	@ Mississippi State	
10/25/14	vs South Carolina	
11/01/14	@ Ole Miss	
11/08/14	vs. Texas A&M	
11/15/14	@ Georgia	
11/22/14	vs. Samford	
11/29/14	@ Alabama	





2014 F	DOTBALL SCHEDULE -
08/30/14	vs. South Dakota St
09/06/14	@ Toledo
09/13/14	vs Central Florida
09/20/14	vs. Indiana
09/27/14	@ South Carolina
10/11/14	vs. Georgia
10/18/14	@ Florida
10/25/14	vs Vanderbilt
11/01/14	vs. Kentucky
11/15/14	@ Texas A&M
11/22/14	⊘ Tennessee
11/28/14	vs. Arkansas

Missouri had an unexpected amazing season last year, making it all the way to the SEC Championship game in Atlanta, Second year quarterback Maty Mauk, who started for injured James Franklin, will again be the man guiding the Tiger offense. Unfortunately for MU, they lost their three best pass receivers and will be relying on some youthful athletic replacements to fill those holes. Mauk is a big play guy and the team hopes he can step up once again and fire up the Tiger offense with some new wide receivers. On defense, the Tigers lost both of their defensive ends that lead the conference in pass rushing. They will look to Markus Golden to fill their shoes, Missouri's secondary was ninety-eighth in the country last year, so Pinkel will need some newcomers to make a difference in the secondary this season. The team has plenty of speed and athleticism, so we will see who steps up on both sides of the ball to make a difference this year. The Tigers hope to stay healthy early and gain some success

in their first four non-conference games before facing South Carolina, which could decide if they will get a return trip to Atlanta this year.

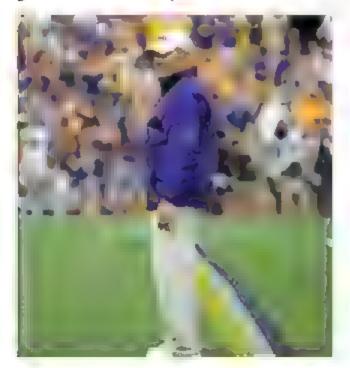




	2013-2014 R	ECORD	_
7	Overall	13-2	71
	Conference	7-1	ш
	Home	7-1	
	Away	5-0	
	Neutral	1-1	

In 2013 the LSU Tigers went 10-3 and finished the season beating Iowa 21-14 in the Outback Bowl. The Tigers lost starting quarterback Zach Mettenberger to the NFL ,and the competition between Brandon Harris and Anthony Jennings has been going on since the spring. Dual-threat Harris will be tough to beat, but both players have shown promise in their camps. In the backfield, the Tigers are excited to welcome Leonard Fournette, who was the nation's number one overall prospect and has generated a lot of hype since signing with LSU. Expect him to get touches early and often. LSU lost some talented players on the defensive line in Ego Ferguson and Anthony Johnson. Returners Danielle Hunter and Jermauria Rasco will anchor the new D-Line for the Tigers. LSU has won at least ten games four years in a row. They get hammered by the NFL draft every year, but they always seem to reload. You can't count out this team to compete for the SEC Championship. The difference in a good season and a great season is likely to come down to the play of the new quarterback and how the

offense will gel without Mettenberger.

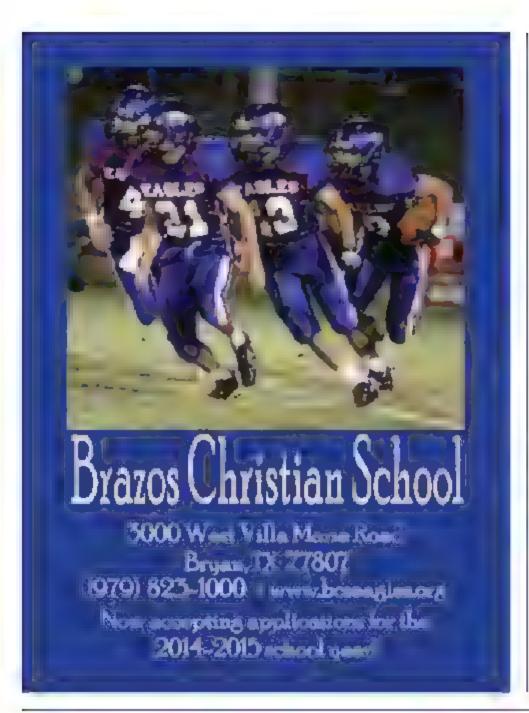


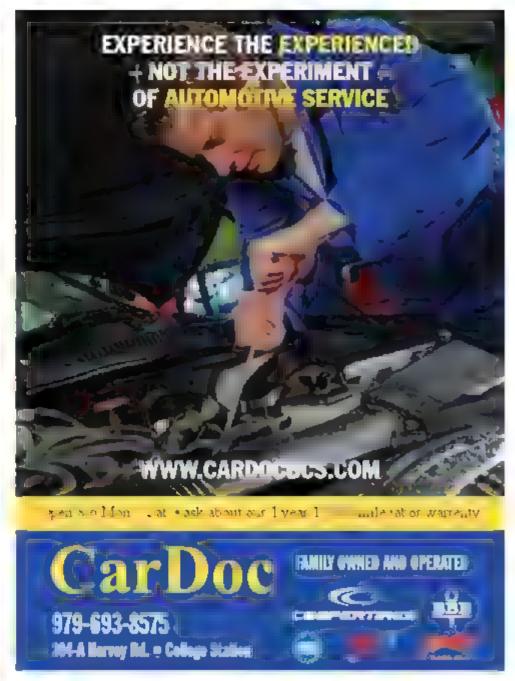


_	2013-2014 R	ECORD	1
	Overall Conference	10-3 5-3	F
	Home	7-0	
	Away Neutral	1-3 2-0	



□2014 F	DOTBALL SCHEDULE
08/30/14	@ Wiscons n
09/06/14	vs. Sam Houston St.
09/13/14	vs UL-Monroe
09/20/14	vs. Mississippi St.
09/27/14	vs. New Mexico St.
10/04/14	@ Aubum
10/11/14	@ Fiorida
10/18/14	vs. Kentucky
10/25/14	vs. Ole Miss
11/08/14	vs. Alabama
11/15/14	Arkansas
11/27/14	@ Texas A&M







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KYLER MURRAW

BY ROB HAVENS '88

Nation's Best QB Commits to Follow in Dad's Footsteps!

When the number one high school quarterback in the nation finally made his decision public back in May, 'YESSIR' was heard around the world! Aggies everywhere were hoping that Allen High School phenom Kyler Murray would follow his All American, record-setting father and attend the school we love so well, but with Oregon and Auburn making late runs at the talented athlete, it wasn't a sure thing until he made his announcement. Murray is a dual threat quarterback with maturity beyond his years. His instincts and passing mechanics set him apart from your typical high school QB. Obviously, blood lines and being raised by a quarterback who trains young quarterbacks was a huge benefit, but Ky er has skills that you can't coach

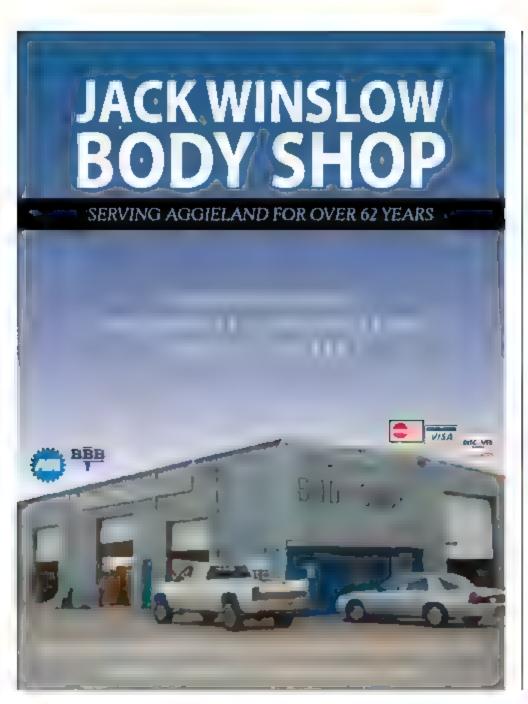
He is 27-0 as a starting quarterback and this fall will attempt to be the first quarterback to ever lead his team to three straight state championships, which has never been done in the largest classification of the state. Murray has thrown for 5,673 yards and rushed for another 2,644 yards in the last two years, with combined 107 touchdowns on the ground and through the air



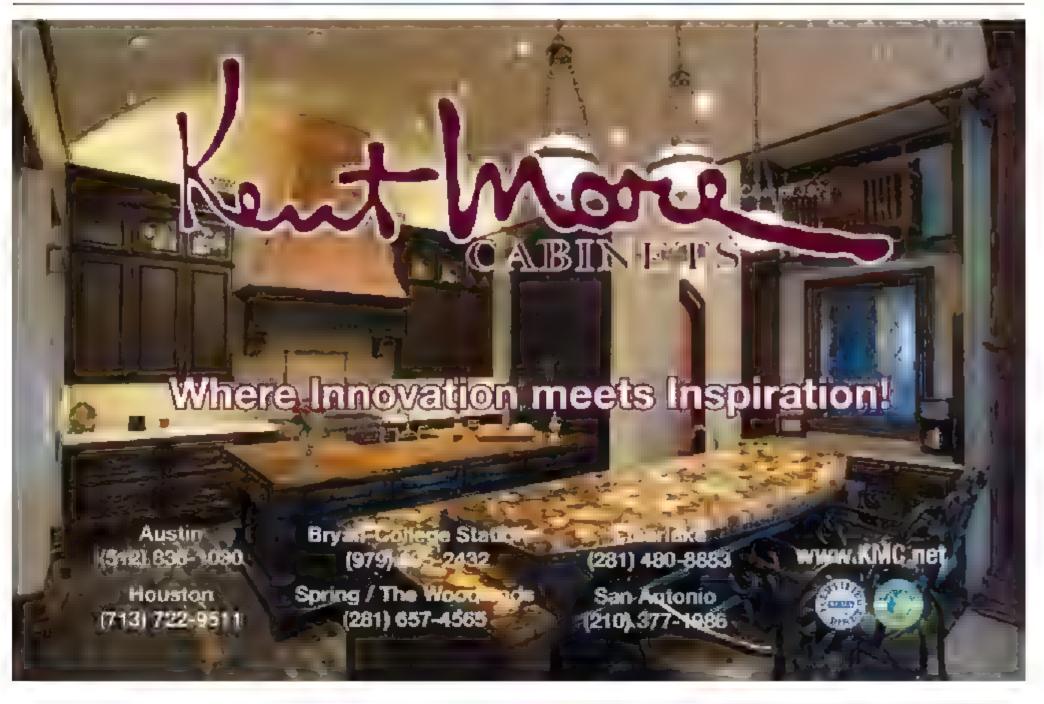


In last year's state championship game, Kyler led his team back from a 15-point deficit with only 8:35 left in the game to beat Desoto 42-35. His high school coach said, "He's the closest thing I've ever had—from a player—that you can talk to as if he's a coach on the sidelines." Kyler expects to win every time he steps on the field. That conf dence in his own ability was instrumental in his decision to commit to the Aggies, even though he knew Kenny Hill and Kyle Allen were already here

I had the pleasure of watching Kyler for the first time in person during the 7-on-7 state championships here in College Station. He throws a beautiful ball and his accuracy is amazing. Typically in 7-on-7 the quarterback, who has to get rid of the ball in four seconds, by rule, can make one or two reads before releasing the football. Kyler was able to survey the entire field and then make an accurate throw right on target in a split second. I saw him lead his team from behind with four deep balls in a row, putting the ball exactly where it had to be. He is truly something special, YESSIR!



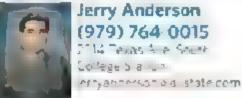






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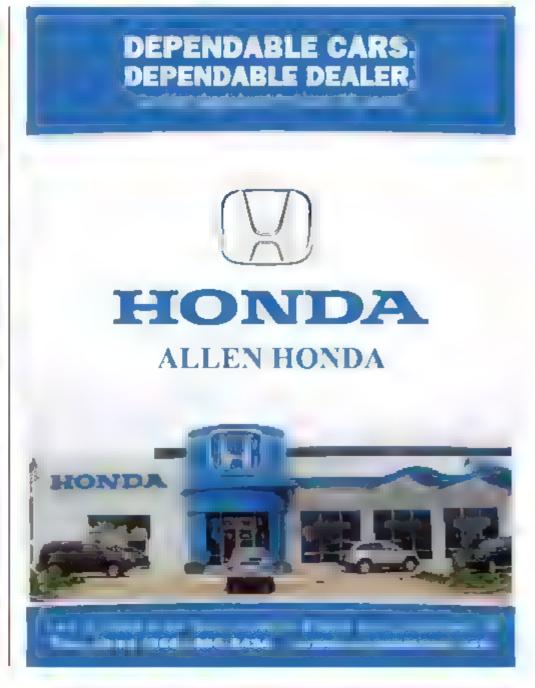


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COACHES' THOUGHTS ON CAMP...



COACH SUMLIN

"We're anxious to get things kicked off just like you guys are. We've had a really competitive and productive fall camp Little different v be because it's the first time in a long time we've gotten going so early—school's not in session—so t's really been about training footbal usually the week of the first game, the ast couple seasons, school has started That's not the case this year because of playing early, so that's a bit of a benefit for us to get some young guys ready to play a quality opponent and go on the road It's given us the opportunity as a team to be together with less people on campus, keep them focused on what we're trying to do. It doesn't need to be overkill, but it's been unique. We've done some things differently as far as meeting time and camp schedule."

On the depth chart...

"We've got a lot of competition across the board. I know the depth chart was released this morning; you guys know me—that's a fluid situation. Wait to see who runs out there in Columbia. We're going to rotate guys on the defensive ne, there are young guys who are going to play and that gives us depth; our running back situation—does it matter who runs out on the first snap? They're going to play A bunch of receivers are going to play. That's basically a list of who's going to get into the game."

On playing on the road the first game...

"Most guys would rather play at home in their first game. Whether it's a top-

ten opponent or an FCS opponent, preparation is preparation. The way we do things is, we worry about us. We try to focus on us more than we focus on the opponent in our preparation and level of performance. The challenging part in this deal, with a number of young players, is not knowing how they're going to react in a hostile environment. That's hard to duplicate."



COACH SNYDER

On changes in the defense...

"A bunch of the freshmen are going to play. We're looking at probably seven guys that have a chance to see the field on this side of the ball, all true freshmen. We'll do our best as we sub and get them in to make sure they're in next to an older guy, a bit like we did with Julien and De'Vante two years ago. These guys won't go in unless an older guy is beside them. We didn't have that luxury last year, we just had to play them all together "

On Victor Davis playing corner...

"The one thing you'll see about Victor (Davis) this year is that he has no pulse It's a beautiful thing to have at corner. He has a short memory and he doesn't panic. He doesn't throw his arms up It's almost like he doesn't have a pulse Sometimes that's good, sometimes that's bad. On deep balls, it's a good thing. He's got a ways to go (on tackling), needs to get bigger and stronger to go against a guy like we're going to face."

On Jordan Mastrogiovanni...

"(Mastrogiovanni) is still in the growing

process. We talk every day about him being the coordinator on the field. That comes as you play a lot. That's one of those positions you have to play to earn. That's why we've got Justin Bass backing him up. He learned under Sean and Stew, and he knows the defense. But I've been pleased with Jordan."



COACH SPAVITAL

On Kenny Hill...

"You've seen (Hill) play already. He's been in four games and has that game experience. The experience of being here and watching how we do offensively and seeing Johnny play has helped him. He's seen more than Kyle (Alien) has, and that was important. He's our guy and we're putting all our eggs in that basket."

On Malcolme Kennedy...

"Malcome stays consistent on a daily basis. He's been the one guy that has made plays in many games and is the vocal leader of our team and our offense. He's a person these quarterbacks look to in times of need, and they can rely on him making the consistent catch."

On Ricky Seals-Jones...

"Ricky's had a great fall camp. Going through spring ball, he was a little rusty; still not a hundred percent healthy, but he's been moving around with a great sense of urgency, and he'll be a big target like Mike. Those (tali) guys are more comfortable for quarterbacks because they don't have to be as accurate with the ball "







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with Rick Hall

BY ROB HAVENS '88

I sat down with Senior Associate Director Rick Hall from Texas A&M Rec Sports to find out about the ongoing expansion and renovation of the Student Recreation Center and what students can expect. Rick said, "When we opened this Rec Center in 1995, student enrollment at A&M was in the 40,000 range and the facility was one of the largest in the country. However, we were immediately packed, and we realized very soon after opening that we weren't as big as we needed to be." Now, almost twenty years later and with the notes that were taken to pay for the original construction close to being paid off, renovations can be made without burdening students with the costs. The entire \$54 million project is being funded without raising the Rec Sports fee!

In addition to adding more space, it was determined that other upgrades needed to be completed as well. For example, the roof needs to be replaced, and the Natatorium is in dire need of mechanical updates based on the atmosphere and corrosion caused by everyday use over twenty years. After existing needs had been evaluated, plans were made to combine the projects. The end result will be 113,000 square feet of new construction and 56,000 square feet of renovation. Construction began in the spring of 2014 and will be mostly complete by midfall of 2015.

Following are some improvements that will be made.

The current 14,000-square-foot Weight and Fitness Room will be expanded to 30,000 square feet. It will include a new personal training area, 10,000 square feet

dedicated to free weights, and another 10,000 square feet for cardio equipment (treadmills, elliptical machines, etc.). All cardio equipment will include a personal viewing screen that allows users to watch TV while working out. TV screens will also be located throughout the strength and conditioning area for others who are using weight training machines or free weights. A 1,000-square-foot space with synthetic turf will be added for patrons who wish to use equipment such as battle ropes and medicine balls for agility and speed work, plyometrics, and core strengthening exercises.

A new gymnasium that houses two fullsized, high school regulation basketball courts will be added, giving patrons additional space for activities such as indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball and badminton.

A 4,000-square-foot room that will be used for aerobic activity classes and meeting space will be added, taking the place of the current Garden Room that is transitioning into a combative/heavy bag room. The new combative room will be equipped with speed bags, ropes and heavy bags for a great boxing workout. It can also be used for activities such as wrestling and judo.

A 6,000-square-foot, multi-activity room is being added for use by student organizations and other groups to hold various activities and events. The room will accommodate up to two hundred people and can be divided into two 3,000-squarefoot rooms, if needed.

A new 8-lane, 25-meter indoor lap pool will be built, giving Rec members another pool to swim in when the Aggies

and other local teams host swimming and diving meets in the facility. In addition to the new pool, the Natatorium will be completely renovated. Improvements include retrofitting of all mechanical equipment, the addition of a powerful dehumidification system, and cosmetic upgrades such as new deck tile, paint, lighting and bleachers.

An additional entrance will be added on the south side of the building, allowing for easier access to the facilities. An outdoor plaza with shaded areas, seating, and even an outdoor kitchen will be added above the expanded Weight and Fitness Room and is sure to be a popular hangout for students.

As mentioned before, the Rec will be getting a much-needed, brand-new roof, as well as a complete lighting retrofit, making it much more energy efficient. Every light in the facility will be either LED or energy-efficient fluorescents.

Hall stated, "We consider Texas A&M to be the best, and we believe our Rec Center will be one of the finest in the nation." At a cost of \$54 million, with \$45 million budgeted for construction and the rest for equipment and other needs, it's obvious that Texas A&M is devoted to providing our students with the best!



























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